

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Mobility Services  
**AGENDA DATE:** May 19, 2009  
**CONTACT PERSONS/PHONE:** Jane Shang, Deputy City Manager, 541-4327  
**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** ALL DISTRICTS

**SUBJECT:**

Approve a resolution/ordinance/lease to do what? Or authorize the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want city council to approve. Include dollar amount if applicable.

Discussion and action to determine whether to direct staff to develop pedestrian safety initiatives, to develop a policy to prioritize the installation of traffic signals, to amend the memorial marker ordinance to allow all markers unless a safety issue exists, and to revise performance measures for Sun Metro. Staff is seeking City Council policy direction and approval to expend staff hours to address these issues. Staff estimates approximately seven weeks of dedicated staff time will be required to address issue #1 and #2.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable council to have a reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of the bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the Citizen concerns?

The Transportation Legislative Review Committee (LRC) on April 27, 2009 discussed the following items:

- Safety recommendations following the 18 pedestrian fatalities and 259 pedestrian injuries on El Paso streets in 2008.
- Regulations for memorial markers within the right-of-way.
- Sun Metro goals and key performance indicators.

The LRC also directed the following work assignments to staff:

1. Pedestrian safety:
  - a. develop a plan to reduce pedestrian collisions and to provide monthly progress reports;
  - b. research and identify a list of ordinances that need to be revised to improve pedestrian safety;
  - c. review the pros and cons of prohibiting right turns on a red signal in the Downtown area;
  - d. develop additional strategies to improve pedestrian safety; and
  - e. develop criteria to prioritize the locations for the installation of traffic signals
2. Memorial Markers:
  - a. amend the current ordinance to allow all memorial markers to be placed within the City right of way; including those created by residents
  - b. develop standards for personal/hand made markers; and
  - c. develop criteria and a process for staff to evaluate the memorial marker individually if a problem exists.
3. Sun Metro:

Report to the LRC at the next scheduled meeting a revised listing of performance measures after consulting with representatives from the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so. Identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer? N/A

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A. N/A

**\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\***

LEGAL: (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT HEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_